

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE  
FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROGRAMS  
PROCESSED PRODUCTS BRANCH

**NOTICE TO THE TRADE**

SUBJECT: AVAILABILITY OF COLOR STANDARDS FOR U.S. STANDARDS FOR  
GRADES OF CANNED PIMIENTOS

This is to notify the food industry and other interested parties that the color standards for canned pimientos will be supplied by Processed Products Branch. Color Communications, Inc., will no longer supply the color standards for canned pimientos.

Please follow instructions in the U. S. Standards for Grades of Canned Pimientos and the Grading Manual for the application of the color standards and scoring of color. The darker side of the color standard corresponds to USDA "**Pimiento Red**," the lighter side of the color standard corresponds to USDA "**Pimiento Reddish-Yellow**."

Care should be exercised when using the color standards. Clean surfaces with a soft non-abrasive cloth using warm water and a mild soap solution and dry with a soft cloth. Avoid prolonged immersion in water. Store the standards in their envelope, away from heat and light, when not in use.

This inspection aid is available to processors, buyers, and other interested parties for purchase and may be obtained from the Standardization Section of Processed Products Branch, Washington, D.C., telephone (202) 720-5021 or fax (202) 690-1527.

If you have any questions, please call PPB at (202) 720-5021 or fax at (202) 690-1527.

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